

theCHITIMACHA NEWSLETTER

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NEWSLETTER
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NOTES FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE



Chairman Ralph C. Darden

The Thanksgiving Feast held at the school gym on the 25th was wonderful. There was a very large turn out and I still missed seeing some of the regulars that usually come every year. I would like to thank the teachers and the children for the great little play they performed before the meal. Also, the scholarship committee awarded a student a \$500.00 scholarship. Certain criteria had to be met in order to be eligible to participate. Congratulations to Pam Darden who was the winner of the scholarship. Bingo was enjoyed by everyone with Ms. Mary Boudreaux winning the last prize, an upright freezer. We have been having the feast on the

Tuesday before Thanksgiving at 7 p.m. in the evening to give workers enough time to be able to make it. We realize that our elders usually eat early, so, consequently next year we plan to have it on the Saturday before Thanksgiving at 5:30 p.m. and hopefully this can better meet the needs of everyone.

NCAI

On November 17 - 19, 1997 I attended the NCAI Convention in Santa Fe, New Mexico. This was the largest ever with 165 tribes registered and over 1800 people in attendance. This was the first convention I ever attended where all the great powers showed up and spoke. Just some of the great people were Bruce Babbitt - Secretary of Interior, - Kevin Gover - Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell - Chairman Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Senator Daniel Inouye - Vice Chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Senator Pete Domenici from New Mexico and other great speakers. Daniel Inouye has been a senator for forty years and the last 19 years he has served on the Indian Affairs Committee. He, along with the other two Senators have been champions for Native American issues. They have warned us that although we have defeated the tax issue and the trust land issues, not to let our guards down because these issues will come back. As new members of Congress come in, so do new ideas that they are not responsible for what happened years ago and have no idea of what a treaty is about. Our best defense at this time is to continue to educate new congressmen and the anti-Indian group.

Until Next Month!!!

"Kop's Korner"

**News from the Chitimacha P.D.
Frank McCloskey, Police Chief**



NOVEMBER 1997

For the month of November the police department issued six traffic citations for careless driving, driving under suspension, violation of registration, no insurance, no driver's license and speeding. Four arrests were logged on two charges of domestic violence, charges for remaining where forbidden and disturbing the peace intoxicated, and a charge on a warrant from the Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force for possession of cocaine.

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEE

We welcome to the police department, Gloria Henry. Gloria began her employment as Police Communications Officer on November 24, taking the place of Cassandra Butaud, who resigned her position on November 13. We welcome Gloria to the team and wish Cassandra all the best with her future endeavors.

THANK YOU NOTE

Thanks to Ms Ann Vilcan for once again remembering the employees at the police department. Ms Ann made some delicious, homemade,

Thanksgiving treats which we thoroughly enjoyed. Thanks so much for your generosity!

"NATIONAL DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING MONTH"

December is national 3-D Month (Drunk and Drugged Driving). It has been 15 years since President Reagan signed the first proclamation to focus a designated week and drunk and drugged driving. The focus has now grown to a month long observance. The 1997 national theme is **"Take A Stand Against Impaired Driving"**. The Red Ribbon Committee of St. Mary Parish pledges to take a stand for this national Campaign.

HOW TO SPOT AN IMPAIRED DRIVER

- Makes turn into intersection wider than necessary.
- Straddles center lane or lane marker.
- Driver looks or acts out of the ordinary (e.g. has eye fixation on road; drives with head out of window; gestures erratically or obscenely).
- Narrowly misses another vehicle or object by driving or passing too close.
- Weaves from one side of the road to other.
- Drives on wrong side of road; on areas not designated for traffic; or off the road completely.
- Swerves away from generally straight course, usually after drifting.
- Drives at very slow speed--at least 10 mph below limit.
- Stops without cause in traffic lane, usually at intersection of place where driver must make a decision.
- Follows another vehicle too close.
- Drifts from one lane to other, or from straight course to one side of road.
- Drives with tires consistently on center lane or lane marker.
- Brakes unnecessarily or in uneven or "jerky" manner.

- Drives into opposing or crossing traffic or down wrong-way lane.
- Signals inconsistently with driving action.
- Slow to respond to traffic signal.
- Stops inappropriately in such areas as crosswalks, across lanes, or for yellow or green traffic signals.
- Makes abrupt or illegal turn with excessive speed; from wrong lane; while making U-turn; or from outside lane.
- Accelerates and decelerates more rapidly or excessively than necessary.
- Drives with headlights off.

DRUNKEN DRIVING IS NO ACCIDENT-- "There is no such thing as an alcohol-related accident. Accidents can't be helped. Drunken driving incidents are crashes--predictable and preventable".

Know what to look for and TAKE A STAND! Help keep impaired drivers from behind the wheel. Report incidents to the nearest law enforcement agency.

IF YOU PLAN TO DRINK, THINK AHEAD AND DESIGNATE A NON-DRINKING DRIVER.

REMEMBER! OFFICERS EMPHASIZE THAT THE DESIGNATED DRIVER IS NOT THE LEAST INTOXICATED PERSON IN THE GROUP....IT'S THE SOBER PERSON IN THE GROUP.

Friday, December 19, 1997 is National "Lights On-For Life Day". To alert the public to the dangers of impaired driving.

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SAFETY REMINDERS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

- Wherever you are--on the street, in an office building or shopping mall, driving, waiting for public transportation--stay alert and tuned into your surroundings.
- Send the message that you're calm, confident, and know where you're going.
- Trust your instincts. If something or someone makes you uneasy, avoid the person or leave.
- Stick to well-lighted, well-traveled streets. Avoid shortcuts through wooded areas, parking lots, or alleys.
- Don't flash large amounts of cash or other tempting targets like expensive jewelry or clothing.
- Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket, not a back pocket.
- Try to use automated teller machines in the daytime. Have your card in hand and don't approach the machine if you're uneasy about people nearby.
- Don't wear shoes or clothing that restrict your movements.
- Have your car or house key in hand before you reach the door.
- If you think someone is following you, switch direction or cross the street. Walk toward an open store, restaurant, or lighted house. If you're scared, yell for help.
- Always roll up the windows and lock car doors, even if you're coming right back. Check inside and out before getting in.
- Avoid parking in isolated areas. Be especially alert in lots and parking garages.
- If you think someone is following you, don't head home. Drive to the nearest police or fire station, gas station, or other open business to get help.
- If your car breaks down, put the hood up and the hazard lights on. Stay inside the car, with the

doors locked. If someone stops to help, don't get out of the car--roll down the window slightly and ask the person to call the police or a tow service for you.

- Don't stop to assist a stranger whose car had broken down. Instead, help by driving to the nearest phone and calling police to help.

IF SOMEONE TRIES TO ROB YOU

- It may be more advisable to submit than to resist and risk severe injury or death. Be especially careful if the robber has a weapon. Give up your property, don't give up your life.
- Stay alert and observant so that you can better describe your attacker and the assault to the police.
- Report the crime to the police as soon as possible. Try to describe the attacker accurately. Your actions can help prevent others from being victims.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CHITIMACHA POLICE DEPT.



News from Charenton-Chitimacha Volunteer Fire Department By Sheryl Sinitiere, Fire Chief

Sheryl Sinitiere, Lonnie Martin, Rick Cook, and Jeff Hildreth flew to Snyder, Nebraska on October 21, 1997 to pick up the new Rescue Unit and the Ladder Truck. We arrived back in Charenton on October 24, 1997.

An 8 hour Defensive Driving Course was held by Acadiana Safety Association on November 8, 1997 at LSU.

An Acadian Ambulance Air Med Landing Zone Class was held on November 19, 1997 at the Charenton-Chitimacha Firestation. Members from Charenton-Chitimacha, Baldwin, and Centerville Volunteer Fire Departments attended.

REPLACE SMOKE DETECTORS AFTER TEN YEARS!

Smoke detectors do not last forever. We've come a long way in educating people about the importance of installing and properly maintaining smoke detectors, but we must also get the message out that smoke detectors need to be replaced every ten years.

About 93% of American homes are equipped with smoke detectors. As our local community becomes better informed about the importance of smoke detectors, residents are locating a detector on every level of their homes, including near bedrooms, testing them twice a year, and replacing batteries when needed. The educational message provided by Charenton-Chitimacha Volunteer Fire Department to community residents and local school children throughout the years have resulted in safer homes in Charenton. Still, approximately one-third of homes that suffer fires have smoke detectors that do not work. Therefore, a check on the life of the smoke detector unit itself should be part of everyone's fire prevention measures.

There is an approximate 10-year life expectancy for smoke detector units, so they should be replaced after this time period. Since more and more smoke detectors are reaching the 10-year mark, we strongly recommend that the smoke detectors be replaced after ten years. It's an important component in our continuing efforts to save lives.

TRIBAL COURT NEWS

By Holly A. Robicheaux, Tribal Courts Director

CURRENT COURT STATISTICS:

CASES: (11)

3 Civil Actions (2 Garnishments and 1 Pet. To Make Judg. Executory); 2 Domestic Actions (Previous Actions - 1 Petition For Divorce and 1 Child Custody); 6 Traffic (Civil Infractions);

MORTGAGES AND LIENS: (15)

13 Assignments, 1 UCC Form & Assign. of Lease to Secure Mortgage and 1 Assign. of Lease to Secure Mortgage and Chattel Mortgage.

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS: (02)

1 Acknowledgment of Paternity and 1 Geophysical Permit

COURT OF APPEALS: (00)

TOTAL ACTIONS PROCESSED IN NOVEMBER

(28)

CASES PENDING AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 1997:

TRIAL COURT: (34)

- 10 CIVIL (7 Torts/3Reg. Civil)
- 09 CRIMINAL (8 Class A/ 1 Class B)
- 02 DOMESTIC RELATIONS
- 09 JUVENILE
- 04 TRAFFIC

APPELLATE COURT: (02)

- 02 CIVIL TORT ACTIONS

COURT SESSIONS:

TRIBAL TRIAL COURT:

This month's regular session was conducted on November 4, 1997, at which time 25 matters were scheduled to be heard;

- (02) JUVENILE
(Initial and Review Hearings)
- (10) CRIMINAL
(Hearing on Plea Change/ Arraignments and Rules To Show Cause)
- (06) TRAFFIC
(Hearings on CV Infractions)
- (04) DOMESTIC RELATIONS
(Hear. on Pet. For Disbursement/ Divorce and Rule To Show Cause)
- (03) CIVIL TORT ACTIONS
(Prelim. Hearings and Rule To Show Cause)

NEXT REGULAR SESSION:

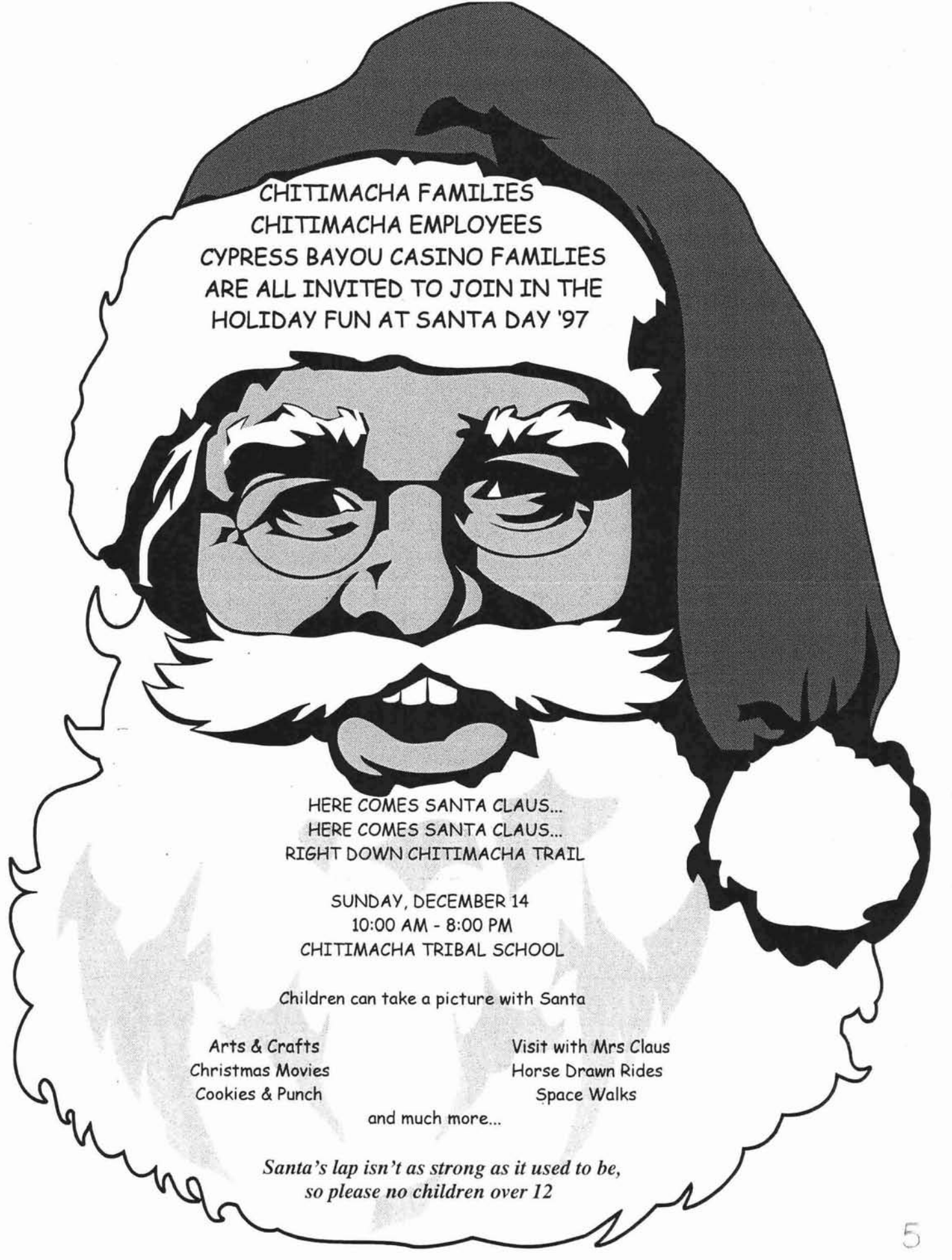
Our next regular session is scheduled for December 2, 1997, with open session beginning at 10:00 a.m.

TRIBAL APPELLATE COURT :

Oral Arguments were conducted on November 10, 1997 at 1:30 p.m., and are also scheduled for December 9, 1997 @ 10:30 a.m. in the CV Tort Actions presently on Appeal.

As always, if you would like any further information regarding the Tribal Courts, please feel free to contact the Court at 923-7806.





CHITIMACHA FAMILIES
CHITIMACHA EMPLOYEES
CYPRESS BAYOU CASINO FAMILIES
ARE ALL INVITED TO JOIN IN THE
HOLIDAY FUN AT SANTA DAY '97

HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS...
HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS...
RIGHT DOWN CHITIMACHA TRAIL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14
10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL

Children can take a picture with Santa

Arts & Crafts
Christmas Movies
Cookies & Punch

Visit with Mrs Claus
Horse Drawn Rides
Space Walks

and much more...

*Santa's lap isn't as strong as it used to be,
so please no children over 12*

CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL NEWS

IN-SERVICE

On Tuesday, November 18th, school was dismissed at 1:00 P.M. to allow faculty and staff to participate in a staff development workshop. The workshop was presented by Mary Lou Maples, Title I Coordinator of Rapides Parish Public Schools. Ms. Maples was the Louisiana Teacher of the Year in 1992. The subject of the workshop was "Developmentally Appropriate Practices for Young Children."

Later that evening from 6:30 - 7:30 P.M. Ms. Maples conducted a workshop for parents entitled "What Does It Take For Your Child To Be A Success".

In-Service dates for the remainder of the 1997-98 school year are as follows:

Tuesday, January 20, 1998 - 1:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Tuesday, February 10, 1998 - 1:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Tuesday, March 17, 1998 - 1:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Tuesday, April 21, 1998 - 1:00 - 4:00 P.M.

VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM

Chitimacha Tribal School held a program on November 11th at 10:00 A.M. to honor tribal veterans. Veterans, faculty, students and friends assembled near the school flagpole for a program presided over by Dan Darden, assisted by other veterans and Chitimacha Tribal School students. The program was well received by students and all guests.

After the program, veterans and friends were the guests of the school at a special luncheon in the school cafeteria.

CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The Chitimacha Tribal School will present their Christmas Program on Thursday, December 18th. On Friday, December 19th school will dismiss at 1:00 P.M. for the start of the Christmas holidays. The holidays extend from December 22, 1997, through January 2, 1998, with classes resuming on Monday, January 5, 1998.

THANKSGIVING PLAY

The kindergarten, first and second grades presented a Thanksgiving play called "Perky the Turkey". It was presented Tuesday evening, November 25th, at the annual Thanksgiving Feast. The public was invited to attend. We're sure everyone had a very enjoyable time.

SCHOOL NEWS

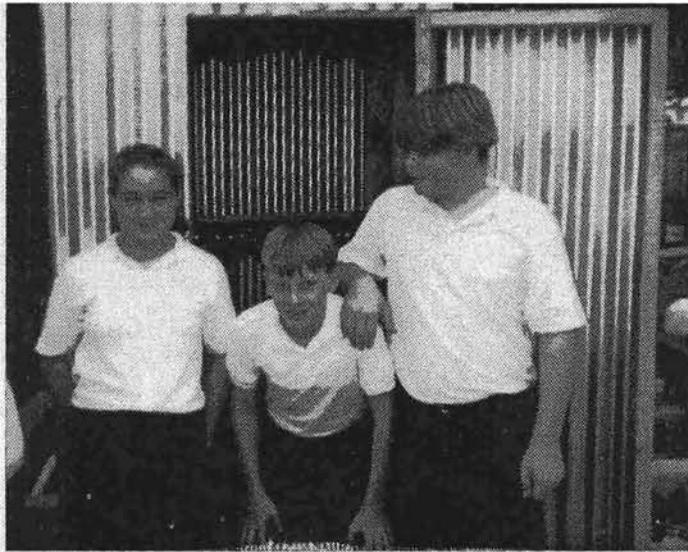
The 5th through 8th graders at the school have been getting lots of hands-on learning in Mr. Nugent's class over the past few weeks. This year's syrup is the thickest yet, and the students are taking more and more responsibility for making it each time. My 8th graders have made it so many times that they claim they could make a batch by themselves. We incorporated lots of math, graphing saturation curves, heat absorption curves, and weight of the liquid. Science dealt with figuring out how many calories each teaspoon contained, and the process of fermentation-turning sucrose into glucose ("pure energy") using saragassa yeast. Also, the social studies aspect was studied in the impact the sugar cane industry has had on this area since the 1850's, and how this area was a strategic area for the North to capture during the Civil War. The Battle of Irish Bend was the battle which inevitably gave the North the sugar crop it needed for Union soldiers. The syrup

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is bottled in pints and half-pints and are ready to be sold to anyone wishing some pure cane syrup. The cost is \$1.75 for a half pint and and \$2.50 for a pint (the pint is your best bargain). If anyone wants any syrup, they should come by the school and pick some up soon, we only have 8 cases left! The syrup is all natural, very thick and improves the taste of just about everything! If anyone would like a recipe, just come by the school and pick it up--we have lots of copies.

Another project we have been busy with is the beef jerky. The 5th and 6th graders came up with the design for a smokehouse, and actually made scaled- down models of it in class. Math was used to determine the exact measurements, and cooperative pairs each built their own tiny smokehouse. Next, the 7th and 8th graders took the models and measurements and actually built a full-scale smoke-house. They did all of the measuring, some of the cutting, and most of the erecting. We purchased 30 pounds of sirloin and marinated it overnight. The meat was



smoked for 24 hours over mesquite and pecan wood, and the resulting beef jerky came out GREAT!

We had all of the other classes come and see the whole operation from start to finish, and the entire project was a huge success. Of course, lots of math measurements, weighing, graphing, temperature taking, and such was used to incorporate the activity into an actual lesson.



The kids ate a bunch of the jerky themselves, and now want to start selling some to the local folks. We will probably make up a batch before Christmas. I would like to take this opportunity to say that the students are getting much out of projects like these, and know that this community supports and appreciates their hard work. I am very proud of all of them.

Steve Nugent

NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!

ENROLLMENT NEWS

By: Ardith Soprano, Enrollment Officer

The end of 1997 is fast approaching! With the end of 1997 comes the need to determine the number of Tribal Members who are eligible to participate in the 1997 Per Capita Program. In an effort to provide an opportunity for parents to enroll their newborns who may be eligible for the Per Capita Program, the Tribal Council has extended the December 31, 1997 enrollment deadline.

In an effort to better manage and control the application process for newborns during this extended time period, the Tribal Council has approved the following guidelines:

The child must meet all enrollment criteria.

1. *The child must have been born between January 1, 1997 and December 31, 1997, inclusive.*
2. *The enrollment application must be filed in the Enrollment Office on or before close of business on January 5, 1998. Please file the enrollment application immediately...do not hold for the Social Security card or birth certificate. These documents can be provided at a later date. If your child's application is not on file by 1/5/98, he or she will not be included in the 1997 Per Capita count.*

The enrollment process must be completed no later than March 31, 1998. If your child's application is filed prior to the 1-5-98 deadline, then you will be afforded until March 31, 1998 to complete the application process by providing a copy of the Social Security Card and a certified copy of the birth certificate. Only those newborns whose applications meet all of the above guidelines will be included in the 1997 Per Capita Program. Also, the above guidelines pertain to newborns only (1/1/97 to 12/31/97)!!! All others wishing to establish Tribal Membership must do so before the 12/31/97 deadline in order to participate in the 1997 Per Capita Program.

Because it is vital that we have an accurate count for 1997, I am asking your assistance in spreading the word to your family members who may need to enroll a new born. Parents may request an application packet by contact this office at 318-923-2463. Your cooperation and assistance is greatly needed and appreciated!

Cultural Department News

By Kimberly S. Walden

The Cultural Department has begun to hold Cultural Education Classes for the students at the Chitimacha Tribal School. Many activities have taken place and will continue throughout the school year. This month students learned and illustrated the Legend called "The Great Spirit Made The World". Students also were encouraged to fill out a Family Chart, allowing them to trace their Chitimacha Ancestry. The first and second graders came to the department to learn pottery techniques. Students also had their first dance lessons of the school year. The teachers at Chitimacha are working with the Cultural Department in order to incorporate some aspects of the Chitimacha Culture into their lessons. Many of the teachers and their students prepared some traditional foods such as jerky and fry bread to share with the other classes.

The Cultural Department also helped with the Veteran's Day Program at the Chitimacha Tribal School. The program went very well and everyone seemed to have a good time. We want to thank all of the Veterans who participated in the program and those who volunteered their time to help us with this activity. I also want to thank the cooks for the wonderful meal and the Casino for the beautiful cakes. It was also nice to have many members of our community attend this program designed to thank and remember Veterans for their service to our country.

The Cultural Department wants to remind everyone to send in their recipes for our cookbook. The sooner we get the recipes, the sooner our project can become a reality. We also want to thank those of you who have already brought in your recipes (and samples)!

Cultural Community News

By Carolyn B. Savage

Our Monday night beading class continues to grow. We're having a good time as we sit around the table and work on assorted projects. I would like to invite you to come and join us at 6:00 p.m.

We're seeing quite a few of our young people take an interest in beading. They are very proud of their work and rightfully so.

The finished projects are beautiful. (As a member of the Cultural Department, I am proud and happy to see our children participate in these activities.)

We will be having a fan-making class on December 6, 1997. Class will begin at 9:00 and we plan on staying until our fans are completed. It will take at least four hours to complete this project. This class is already filled up but if you are interested please call us at 923-9923. We will be taking names for another class and when we have enough participants we will schedule it.

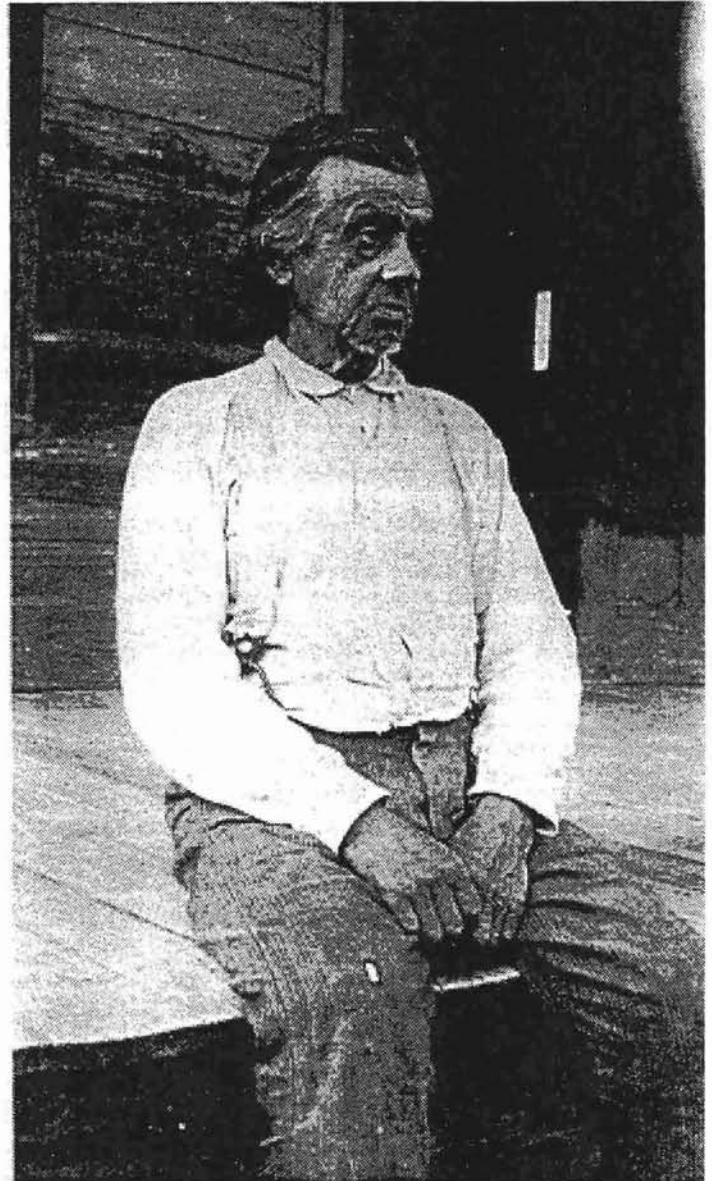
Mr. Nick will be teaching us how to make silver bracelets and rings in January. This class is also filled up but if you want to learn to make jewelry please call us and we will put your name on the list for the next class.

We wish you all a very happy holiday season. Thank you all for participating in our activities.

NEWS FROM THE PAST

By: Melanie Marcotte

Benjamin Paul, also known as "Uncle Jam", was Chief of the Chitimacha from 1903 until 1934. Chief Paul was born on January 15, 1867, being baptized into the Roman Catholic faith on August 14, 1867 at the Catholic Church in Charenton. His mother was Felicite Bernard, Chitimacha, who married John Paul, Chitimacha. He had one brother and five sisters, Alexia Jean, Eugenie, Virginia, Emilie, Pauline and Gilbert. Ben died October 16th 1934 at the age of 67 years old.



Ben married Christine Navarro, Chitimacha, but they never had any children. Instead, they raised many orphaned children during their lifetime. There is an old photograph taken in 1910 (which is in the museum and also appears in the Tribal brochure) of the front porch of Ben's house, with Chitimacha children. In a previous News From the Past article, the murders which occurred here on the Reservation happened at Ben Paul's home. He witnessed these murders, as did his wife and sister Pauline.

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By trade, Benjamin was a carpenter, having learned this skill from John Paul. There is a short story he told called, "My Skill as a Blacksmith".

Ben never learned how to read or to write, but was known as a highly intelligent man. He tells how as a little boy, when most children were playing, he would stay around the old people. Ben stated this, "At that time I was too young. If I had asked something of the sort, the old people would have struck me with a switch and made me go away. Consequently I did not ask why they did that. I wanted to remain among the old people. If I had asked that, they would have chased me away. I had to be quiet amongst them, if I wished to remain with them." He learned all the oral traditions from the old people, the elders. Ben stated that the reason he knew the language so well was because he learned it from the old folks.

Ben suffered from diabetes throughout much of his later years in life. His eyes had developed cataracts and because of this he had to have surgery. The following is a letter written from Christine Paul to Caroline Dorman, an ethnographer, who had befriended the Paul's and other Chitimacha families.

Dear Miss Dorman,

Just a few lines to let you know I am the City since February 9. My husband he is the Charity Hospital its two weeks now they doctor put him on a diet and put him to bed but did do nothing for his eyes yet. He is feeling good but he no stay in bed but I tell him he is better take little patience they might bring his eyes back. I am staying with one my cousin here. I am worrying about Ben so much. I can rest and worrying home too can sleep at night. I don't know how long I am going stay here, Pauline got my letter and sent it to me here so I thought answer right away, to let you we bring him here. I sure wish to could do him some good to bring his back. Well Miss Dorman I let you know when operate his eye. I don't know howlong they gone keep him. If you write to me you can address New Orleans put my name on it.

I am yours truly. C. Paul

Ben did get his eyes corrected and returned home. It was during the years of June 1931 and September of 1934 that Ben Paul worked with Morris Swadesh, linguist, recording the Chitimacha language on wax cylinders. Through his work with Ben Paul, the

Chitimacha language has been recorded and was therefore not lost, recording many legends and stories of Chitimacha life from Ben's recollection and life experiences. The wax cylinders are now housed in Washington at the Library of Congress, but the Tribe has these exact recordings on cassette tapes and are in our archives on the Reservation. Two Chitimachas did all the language recordings, Ben Paul and Delphine Stouff Decloux. Ben's Chitimacha language was pure Chitimacha, with only two words throughout the entire text being in French. Delphine's was a mixture of Chitimacha and French. Not only was the language recorded, but many hours of documentation was written down in English by Mr. Swadesh, which has many stories and histories of the Tribe not on the wax cylinders. Ben told Mr. Swadesh in one of their talks, that he was the last to know all the language and stories, and that once he was gone, no one would be here any more to be able to speak the language and tell the stories. But thanks to his willingness to tell all he could remember, it is now recorded and has become a permanent part of the Chitimacha Tribe's archives.

In 1934 Ben died. Listed in the Funeral Book 1916-1937, Immaculate Conception Church, Charenton, page 110 is the following:

No. 9 R.I.N. The Indian and Venerable Chief: "Ben Paul" - On Tuesday, October the 16th 1934. I have buried the late Benjamin Paul. He died yesterday at the age of 67 years old. His wife is Christine Navarro. The cause of his death: "Dropsy."

He had received the last sacraments and Holy Communion.

He was the only surviving member of the Chetimacha Tribe, possessing their language and speaking it fluently.

Quotations: "The contribution of Benjamin Paul, Chief of the Chetimacha Tribe, to the work of Dr. Swadesh will be a recorded accomplishment long after he has gone to his record, for he is the only Indian who can speak the language of the fading tribe of Chetimacha.

*In the Tribal archives are numerous documents on Benjamin Paul's stories and oral traditions. Any tribal member interested in obtaining these for their own perusal is welcome to contact me at 923-4395. I will be glad to forward this information on to you.

***NEXT MONTH: Clara Darden, oldest basket maker.**

CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL
DAILY MENU SCHEDULE
DECEMBER 1997

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
December 1, 1997 Breakfast Grits, Eggs, Juice & Milk Lunch Meat Loaf, Roll, Buttered Potatoes, Gr. Beans, Fruit & Milk	December 2, 1997 Breakfast Waffles, Ham, Juice & Milk Lunch Chicken & Sausage Jambalaya, Salad, Roll, Fruit & Milk	December 3, 1997 Breakfast Cereal, Toast, Juice & Milk Lunch Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, Salad, Strawberry Shortcake & Milk	December 4, 1997 Breakfast Donuts, Cheese Sticks, Juice & Milk Lunch Pork Chops, Rice & Gravy, Creamed Corn, Fruit & Milk	December 5, 1997 Breakfast Biscuits, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Chili with Beans, Crackers, Salad, Fruit, Cookie & Milk
December 8, 1997 Breakfast Pancakes, Juice & Milk Lunch Spagetti Casserole, Peas, Roll, Fruit & Milk	December 9, 1997 Breakfast Ham & Cheese Buddies, Juice & Milk Lunch Shrimp Gumbo, Rice, Potato Salad, Fruit & Milk	December 10, 1997 Breakfast Cereal, Toast Sticks, Juice & Milk Lunch Round Steak, Rice & Gravy, Field Peas, Fruit & Milk	December 11, 1997 Breakfast French Toast, Juice & Milk Lunch Burritos, Salad, Cheese, Fruit, Cake & Milk	December 12, 1997 Breakfast Biscuits, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Chicken Fritters on Bun, Salad, Fruit & Milk
December 15, 1997 Breakfast Eggs, Toast, Juice & Milk Lunch White Beans, Rice, Baked Ham, Salad, Fruit & Milk	December 16, 1997 Breakfast Waffle, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Pork Roast, Rice & Gravy, Yams, Sweet Peas, Fruit & Milk	December 17, 1997 Breakfast Cereal, Juice & Milk Lunch Tacos, Salad, Corn, Corn Bread, Fruit & Milk	December 18, 1997 Breakfast English Muffin, Canadian Bacon, Juice & Milk Lunch Tuna Fish, Salad, Potato Chips, Fruit & Milk	December 19, 1997 Breakfast Biscuits, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Pizza, Fruit & Milk EARLY RELEASE 1:00 P.M.
December 22, 1997 SCHOOL HOLIDAY	December 23, 1997 SCHOOL HOLIDAY	December 24, 1997 SCHOOL HOLIDAY	December 25, 1997 SCHOOL HOLIDAY MERRY CHRISTMAS	December 26, 1997 SCHOOL HOLIDAY
December 29, 1997 SCHOOL HOLIDAY	December 30, 1997 SCHOOL HOLIDAY	December 31, 1997 SCHOOL HOLIDAY		

Have a Very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!!

Recreation News

By Jeri St.Blanc

November has been a filled with fitness excitement. The Tunica/Biloxi Tribe received a grant host and fund the Native American Fitness Alliance Certification. They invited us to participate in the certification. Congratulations to Heloise Comeaux, Rachael Dugas and Tricia Mora for passing the certification and now a member of the growing Alliance. The two day certification covered the basic information needed to implement an exercise program including introduction to exercise science, basic fundamentals, safety and liability and teaching skills and choreography. Once again, we thank the Tunica/Biloxi Tribe along with our Health Department and Recreation Department.

Cross-country running is coming to an end but not without a blow-out including qualifying for the National Championship in Orlando, Florida. We have been competed in several races this month. The Riverside V in Shreveport consisted of two big races, a 3.1 Mile race and a 5 Mile race. The results are as follows:

Matthew Darden - 1st with a time of 23:39 (8-under division)
Jarrod Deslatte- 3rd with a time of 19:54 (14-under division)
Darrel Toups- 5th with a time of 21:45
Robert Brown- 8th with a time of 22:30
Tasia Bernard- 3rd (female division)



We RULED at the Cajun Cup in Lafayette on Nov. 8th.

Maggie Darden 2nd (6-7 division)
Matthew Darden 1st (8-9 Boys division)
Adrianna Bernard 2nd (8-9 division)
Arielle Darden 3rd (8-9 division)
Schuyler 6th (8-9 division)
Slade Bobbitt 4th (8-9 Boys division)
Kaston Fluke 5th (8-9 Boys Division)
Robert Brown 4th (10-11 division)
Jase Darden 5th (10-11 division)
Brandt Johnson 1st (11-12 division)
Zeb LeBlanc 2nd (11-12 division)
Joshua Vilcan 4th (12-13 division)
Jarrod Deslatte 1st (14-19 division)
Tasia Bernard 2nd Overall Female



The AAU Cross-Country Meet was held in Hammond on Nov.22nd . We did fantastic! Our times reflected our hard work. The weather was perfect but the route was extremely sloppy. We even lost a shoe in the mud and kept on running.

Bantam Boys Team: 1st (Matthew Darden, Slade Bobbitt, Jase Darden)

Bantam Girls: Adrianna Bernard 2nd , Arielle Darden 5th

Midget Boys Team: 1st (Darrell Toups, Robert Brown, Brandt Johnson, Zeb LeBlanc)

Midget Girls Team: 1st (Tasia Bernard)

Youth Boys: Jarrod Deslatte 1st overall

Now it's on the way to Nationals in Orlando, Florida!

I would like to thank everyone for the help with the T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Sale and Gumbo. A very special thank- you goes to Vicky Martin for cooking and organizing our Gumbo.

BASKETBALL REGISTRATION is set for January 6, 1998 at the gym from 6:00 to 7:00 PM.

After registration, we will be holding a three day clinic. The kids will be rated by ability. The kids will then be divided into as close to equal teams as possible. It is very important that kids interested in playing attend the clinic. Players not attending the clinic will have to wait for a later date to get rated and be allowed to play. We need to get more kids involved, so pass on the word that it's time to play ball. Teams will be divided by age and sex from 7-14. Ages will be decided by number of players per category. Our registration is separate from the Franklin League. If you registered in Franklin you can also play with us in January. We will need parents to help. Please give us a call if you are interested.

Several people have asked about the Iddy Biddy Team (7-8 years of age) that played in the Franklin League. They do not begin until after the other leagues end. We will pass on the information on as soon we know more.

CHITIMACHA SENIOR PROGRAM CALENDAR
DAILY MENU SCHEDULE
DECEMBER 1997

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Dec. 1, 1997 Baked Chicken, Creamed Potatoes, Sweet Peas, Salad, Rolls & Fruit Activity: Lil Bingo	Dec. 2, 1997 Beef Roast, Green Beans, Rice, Salad, Rolls & Pudding Activity: Lil Bingo	Dec. 3, 1997 Breakfast Meatballs w/Tomato Gravy, White Beans, Rice, Salad, Rolls & Pie Activity: Lil Bingo	Dec. 4, 1997 Fried Pork Chops, Red Beans, Rice, Salad, Rolls & Fruit Activity: Shopping	Dec. 5, 1997 Shrimp Stew, Rice, Potato Salad, Rolls & Brownies
Dec. 8, 1997 Meatloaf, Creamed Potatoes, Corn, Salad, Rolls & Pie Activity: Lil Bingo	Dec. 9, 1997 Chicken Stew, Rice, White Beans, Squash, Rolls & Fruit Activity: Lil Bingo	Dec. 10, 1997 Breakfast Smothered Steak, Rice, Green Beans, Salad, Squash, Rolls & Cake Activity: Lil Bingo	Dec. 11, 1997 Steak, Baked Potatoes, Corn, Salad, Rolls & Fruit Activity: Shopping	Dec. 12, 1997 Tuna Fish Sandwiches, Veggie Tray, Crackers, Rolls & Surprise
Dec. 15, 1997 Chicken Soup, Sandwiches, Veggie Tray, Crackers, Rolls & Surprise Activity: Lil Bingo	Dec. 16, 1997 Beef Stew, Rice, Corn, Salad, Rolls & Pie Activity: Lil Bingo	Dec. 17, 1997 Breakfast Chili, Crackers, Veggie Tray, Cake, Potato Chips & Rolls Activity: RegBingo	Dec. 18, 1997 Baked Turkey, Green Beans, Rice Dressing, Salad, Roll & Pudding Activity: Shopping	Dec. 19, 1997 Fried Shrimp, Potato Salad, Veggie Tray, Fruit Tray & Rolls
Dec. 22, 1997 Party @ 5 p.m. Baked Ham, Rice Dressing, Green Beans, Yams, Rolls, Sweets & Things Come out and party with Mary and Me Activity: Lil Bingo @ 9 a.m.	Dec. 23, 1997 Beef Okra Gumbo, Rice, Potato Salad, Rolls & Fruit Activity: Lil Bingo	Dec. 24, 1997 Breakfast Chicken Salad Sandwiches, Appetizers & Dessert Activity: Shopping @ 9 a.m.	Dec. 25, 1997 Office Closed Christmas Day	Dec. 26, 1997 Office Closed Holiday
Dec. 29, 1997 Pork Roast, Blackeye Peas, Cabbage, Rice Rolls & Cake Activity: Lil Bingo	Dec. 30, 1997 Groundmeat Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Potato Salad, Rolls & Pie Activity: Lil Bingo	Dec. 31, 1997 Red Beans, Rice, Sausage, Broccoli, Rolls & Fruit Activity: Lil Bingo		

DECEMBER 1997 BIRTHDAYS

Milton Bernard 12/3
Lorena Mora 12/6
Aline Darden 12/7
Elda Talley 12/8

John Darden, Sr. 12/16
Lillian LeBlanc 12/24
Lucille Landry 12/27
Rita Darden 12/29

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU AND HAVE MANY MORE!!!



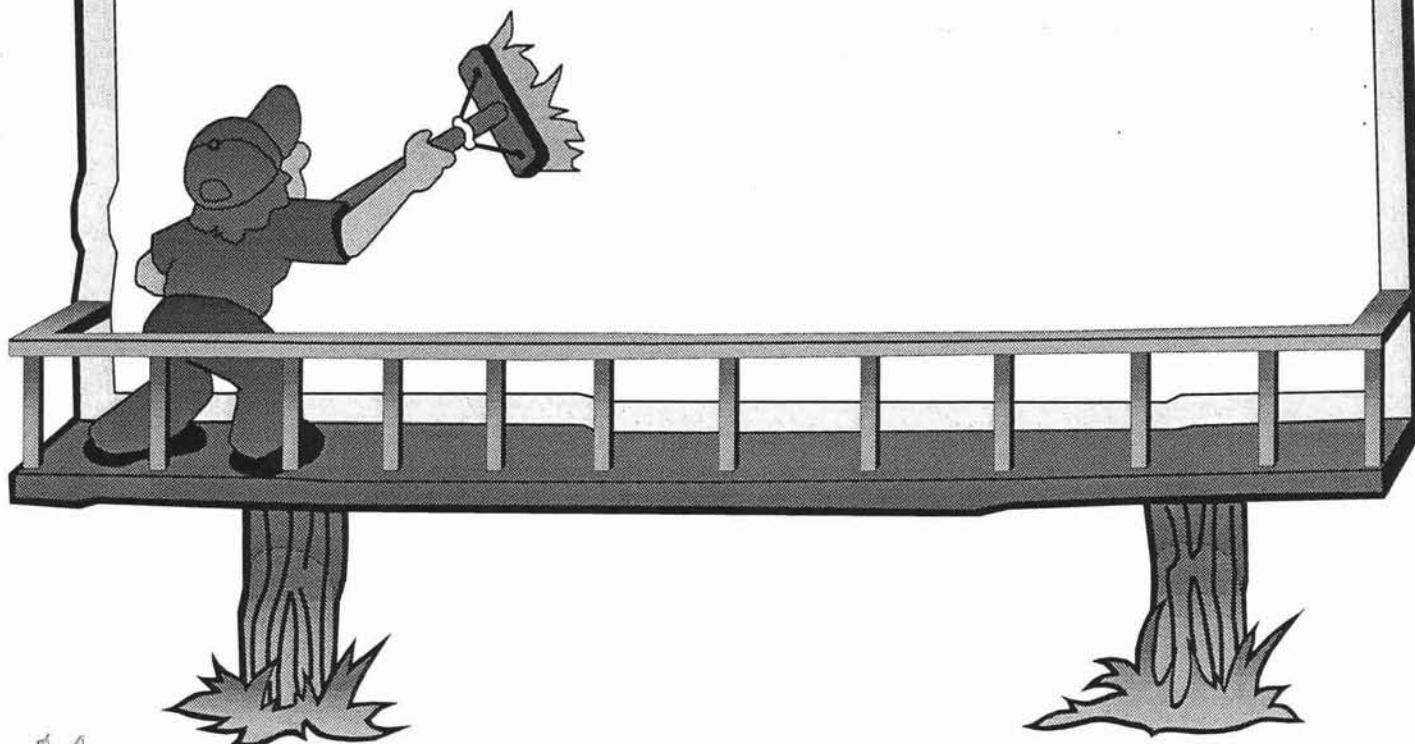
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PER CAPITA REMINDER

January is almost here and we are once again preparing to make your Per Capita payments. In approximately two weeks you will receive via Certified Mail the 1998 Per Capita Distribution Record and Tax Withholding Request. **It is most important that you verify the Biographic Information section and make any necessary changes.** Also, please be certain to complete the Tax Withholding section and sign and date the document. Any errors in completing this form delays the process of issuing the Per Capita payments.

Thank you in advance for your attentiveness and if you return the forms in a timely fashion, you can expect your check in late January, 1998.



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I would like to extend a big Thank's for a job well done to our Chitimacha Police Department.

On November 25th my son's bike was stolen from the Trading Post in a matter of 3 minutes. But, due to the quick response of a police officer, my son was made a happy fellow when his bike was returned.

Thanks a bunch!
Angie Martin

Everyone involved with the Chitimacha Cross Country Team would like to thank Mrs. Jeri and Coach Billy for their commitment and dedication to our team. We'd also like to congratulate Mrs. Jeri on winning the Louisiana RRCA Grand Prix II Womens Overall. She captured 1st place and received a beautiful silver cup at the USL Cajun Cup

I would like to send a special thanks to the Chitimacha Tribal Council for selecting me to fill the position as facilities worker in the Public Works Dept. I would also like to thank the Council for re-appointing me to the Housing Commission.

Rodney Burgess